

Program Notice

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STATEMENT – NO TRANSGENIC WHEAT OR BARLEY

1. PURPOSE

To provide a letterhead statement indicating that there are no genetically modified (transgenic) wheat or barley varieties in U.S. commerce at this time.

2. BACKGROUND

GIPSA has received requests from importers to provide a letterhead statement indicating that no transgenic wheat (or barley) varieties are currently available in U.S. commerce at this time.

Since APHIS has not approved any petitions for release of transgenic wheat or barley varieties for commercial production in the United States, GIPSA can provide such a statement upon request.

3. PROCEDURE

Upon applicant's request, GIPSA can issue the following *letterhead* statement:

**There are no transgenic (*wheat or barley*) varieties for sale or
in commercial production in the United States at this time.**

Should transgenic wheat or barley varieties be released for commercial production in the future, the agency will discontinue providing the statement.

4. QUESTIONS

Please direct any questions to the Standards and Procedures Branch at 202/720-0252. For additional information about the status of petitions under review by APHIS, please consult their website at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/biotech/>.

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